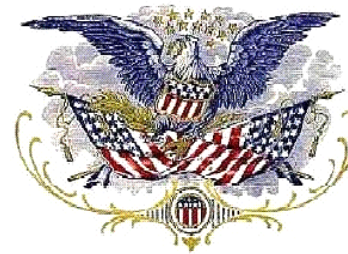


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**Dec 5-7**, Christmas at Old Fort Concho, San Angelo. Education day on Friday the 5th

**Feb 14-15** (2009), Battleship Texas Time Line (Remember the Maine), Houston

**March 27-28**, (2009), Fort McKavett, West Texas Heritage Days, Education Day on Friday

**April 17-18** (2009), Fort Richardson Days, Education Day on Friday

**April 25** (2009), Mission Tejas Folk Festival, Mission Tejas State Park

**May 1-2** (2009), Fort Chadbourne Event, Education Day on Friday

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January starts our 8<sup>th</sup> year of the Fort McKavett Gazette. All the back issues can be found at the Friends of Fort McKavett web site, [www.fortmckavett.org](http://www.fortmckavett.org)

If you have suggestions, photographs, or articles for the Gazette, feel free to contact John Cobb.



*Merry Christmas*

I hope to see everyone at Fort Concho this year. It looks like perfect weather for the wearing of the wool! Be careful over this Holiday Season...

John Cobb  
President  
Friends of Fort McKavett

# From the Archives...

105... All knapsacks are to be painted black. Those for the artillery will be marked in the centre of the cover with the number of the regiment only, in figures of one inch and a half in length, of the character called full face, with yellow paint. Those for the infantry will be marked in the same way, in white paint. Those for the ordnance will be marked with two cannon, crossing; the cannon to be seven and a half inches in length, in yellow paint, to resemble those on the cap. The knapsack straps will be black.

106... The knapsacks will also be marked upon the inner side with the letter of the company and the number of the soldier, on such part as may be readily observed at inspections.

107... Haversacks will be marked upon the flap with the number and name of the regiment, the letter of the company, and number of the soldier, in black letters and figures. And each soldier must, at all times, be provided with a haversack and canteen, and will exhibit them at all inspections. It will be worn on the left side on marches, guard, and when paraded for detached service—the canteen outside the haversack.

## *From the 1857 U.S. Army Regulations*

ART. 87.\* No person shall be sentenced to suffer death but by the concurrence of two thirds of the members of a general court-martial, nor except in the cases herein expressly mentioned; nor shall more than fifty lashes be inflicted on any offender, at the discretion of a court-martial; and no officer, non-commissioned officer, soldier, or follower of the army, shall be tried a second time for the same offense.

\* So much of these rules and articles as authorizes the infliction of corporeal punishment by stripes or lashes, was specially repealed by act of 16th May, 1812. By act of 2d March, 1833, the repealing act was repealed, so far as it applied to the crime of desertion, which, of course, revived the punishment by lashes for that offense.

## *Also from the 1857 U.S. Army Regulations*

95... Where conveniences for bathing are to be had, the men should bathe once a week. The feet to be washed at least twice a week. The hair kept short, and beard neatly trimmed.

*Bathing was required in the 1850's as well as short hair and trimmed beards. Feet were also required to be washed twice a week, but only where water was available.*

# Meet the Officers at McKavett



**Seyburn, Stephen Young. Me. La.**  
Cadet naval academy 10 June 1871 to 11 June 1872; 2 lt 10 inf 15 Oct 1875; 1 lt 17 Mar 1883; r adjt 1 Jan 1889 to 31 July 1891; capt 19 May 1893; col 202 N Y 1 Aug 1898; hon must out 15 Apr 1899; resd 15 July 1899.

S.Y. Seyburn was assigned to Fort McKavett from April, 1877 until the 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment was reassigned in May, 1879. He served with Shafter on the Mapping Expeditions and several Court Boards while at McKavett. He lived in Detroit after he left the Army.



## A Note from Headquarters

December, 2008

Fort McKavett's Volunteers were involved in several events this last year.

Jan 1, Fort McKavett transfer to Texas Historical Commission

Feb-Mar, Assisted with MOU between TPWD and THC, Buffalo Soldier Program

Feb 16 & 17, "Remember the Maine Event", Battleship Texas

Feb 20, Meet with THC Management in Austin about McKavett Friends Group

Mar 7-8, Fort Clark Living History Event

Mar 28 & 29, Fort McKavett Education day and West Texas Heritage Day

Apr 6, Meeting with THC in Austin

Apr 5, Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society Star Party

Apr 11-12, Fort Richardson Days, Friday is Education Day.

Apr 12, "Living History Days", Mission Tejas State Historic Site

Apr 26-26, Lake Brownwood State Park School Day and Open house

Apr 27, Buffalo Gap Vintage Baseball

May 2-3, Fort Chadbourne Days Living History Event, Student Day is the 2<sup>nd</sup>

May 8-10, Fort Worth Stockyards, Forts Muster

May 3, Doan's Crossing, Vernon

May 10, Fort Mason 150th anniversary

Jun 28-29, Texas' Last Frontier Heritage Celebration, Morton

Jul 9, Testimony before the House Committee on Transfer to THC

Jul 20-26, Old Stories, New Voices-Fort McKavett

Sep 20-26, General Miles Marching and Chowder Society at McKavett

Sep 26, Memorial Service for Bobby Mae Huss in Menard

Oct 3-5, Frontier Texas, Abilene

Oct 4, Texas Historical Commission Seminar for Friends Groups

Oct 4-5, TPWD EXPO with Buffalo Soldier Program

Oct 6-7, THC Photo Shoot for new Pamphlets

Oct 10, McKavett Safety Manual adopted for THC Historic Sites

Oct 10-12, Fort Griffin Days, Education Day on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>

Oct 18, Fort Stockton

Oct 25, Friends of Fort McKavett Meeting and Star Party

Dec 5-7, Fort Concho



*From all of our Volunteers and Staff at  
Fort McKavett State Historic Site*

*Have a safe and*

***Merry Christmas***



**TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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## Our First Year with the Texas Historical Commission

January 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have been part of the Texas Historical Commission for one full year. This has been a year of change, of full funding, and new management.

We have gone back to being open seven days a week and for the first time, we have a full compliment of Staff. This in itself has made a difference to our site, but add in full funding and new equipment, few would have thought we would have been able to make this much change to “business as usual” at Fort McKavett.

We have new mowers, tractors, vehicles, power equipment, computers, and more of the site is now open to our visitors. With the encouragement of THC, we have representation throughout the State of Texas in events.

We still have a good working relationship with Texas Parks and Wildlife, supporting their efforts and they supporting ours.

Our educational efforts have been improved and are improving every week.

In the upcoming months, we expect to see many more changes and improvements. Leading this has been our own Staff of course as well as all the new leadership with THC. This has come from our Commissioners, our Management, and all the support Staff with THC.

There are efforts under study about expanding Fort McKavett and the possible joining of the Presidio in Menard as part of our complex. More on this after the first of the year and the upcoming Legislative Session. It has been quite the ride, and a lot more to come!

John Cobb, President, Friends of Fort McKavett



Right: Fort McKavett’s Maintenance Supervisor, Russell Tipton, is shown working on our 10 year old Golf Cart. One of the things we have asked for in this coming year is a new 4 seat Mule to carry Visitors and VIP’s.



## Christmas at Fort Concho

December 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, Fort McKavett’s Volunteers will be at Fort Concho in San Angelo. Everyone is invited out to support both our efforts and Fort Concho in their main fund raiser for the year. You can find us in the corner by the Hospital as usual. Look for our Tents and Wagons.



### TABLEWARE AND KITCHEN UTENSILS REQUIRED IN THE DINING-ROOM.

22.		65	Sur-	80	Sur-	100	Sur-
Articles.	Men.	plus.	Men.	plus.	Men.	plus.	
Bread Knife. . . . .	1	—	1	—	1	—	
Cups or Bowls*. . . . .	.65	8	80	10	100	12	
Dinner Plates*. . . . .	.80	5	96	8	120	10	
Dipper. . . . .	1	—	1	—	1	—	
Dishpan. . . . .	1	—	1	—	1	—	
Gravy Boats. . . . .	.6	2	8	3	10	4	
Meat Plates. . . . .	.6	2	8	3	10	4	
Mustard Pots. . . . .	.6	2	8	3	10	4	
Pepper Boxes. . . . .	.6	2	8	3	10	4	
Pickle Dishes. . . . .	.6	2	8	3	10	4	
Salt Cellars. . . . .	.6	2	8	3	10	4	
Saucers. . . . .	.65	8	80	10	100	12	
Syrup Pitchers. . . . .	.6	2	8	3	10	4	
Soup Ladles. . . . .	.6	2	8	3	10	4	
Soup Plates*. . . . .	.80	8	96	10	120	12	
Sugar Bowls. . . . .	.6	2	8	3	10	4	
Table Forks. . . . .	.70	5	85	7	105	10	
Table Knives. . . . .	.70	5	85	7	105	10	
Table Spoons. . . . .	.70	5	85	7	105	10	
Tea Spoons. . . . .	.70	5	85	7	105	10	
Vegetable Dishes. . . . .	.24	3	32	4	40	5	
Vinegar Cruets. . . . .	.6	2	8	3	10	4	
Water Pitchers. . . . .	.6	2	8	3	10	4	

What kind of mess supplies were kept by each Company at Fort McKavett? This is the required list from the Army’s Cooks Manual